(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	*State/UT*	*December, 1991*	*January, 1992*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*
24.	Uttar Pradesh	68.15	2.16
25.	West Bengal	13.13	N.A.
26.	A & N Islands	Nil	N.A.
27.	Chandigarh	Nil	Nil
28.	D & N Haveli	Nil	Nil
29.	Delhi	0.78	0.12
30.	Daman & Diu	Nil	Nil
31.	Lakshadweep	Nil	Nil
32.	Pondicherry	0.03	0.02

[*Translation*]

Closed Industrial Units in Bihar

2515. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names and locations of the industrial units in Bihar lying closed, since when these are lying closed and the reasons therefor;

(b) the efforts made for their revival and the outcome thereof;

(c) the time by which these units are likely to be revived; and

(d) the number of employees and workers rendered jobless due to the closure of these units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) According to the Reserve Bank of India, 5,007 units in the small scale sector and 40 units in the non-small scale sector were sick as at the end of March, 1990 in the State of Bihar.

According to the latest Reserve Bank of India data, 23 non-SSI sick/Weak industrial units were reported closed as at the end of September, 1990. The major causes for sickness as reported by banks related to technical problems, non-availbility of raw materials, labour problems, power shortage, natufal calamities, transport and financial bottlenecks.

(b) Out of the 5,007 units in the small scale sector, 476 units were found to be potentially viable and 4,394 units non-viable. Viability in respect of 137 units is yet to be

decided. Out of 476 potentially viable sick units in the small scale sector, 321 were put under nursing programmes as at the ned of March, 1990. Out of 40 sick units in the non-SSI Sector, 2 units were put under nursing programmes as at the end of September, 1990.

(c) No time-frame within which the viable units could be revived can be indicated.

(d) such data are not centrally maintained.

[*English*]

Supply of Coal

2516. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state: "

(a) whether the Union Government propose to beneficiate all types of coal being supplied to power and other sectors;

(b) whether most of coal reserves are of inferior grades;

(c) if so, whether any steps have been taken to improve coal supplies to various consumers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) Most of the coking coal supplied to the Steel sector is being washed before despatch. An Expert Committee set up by the Government had recommended use of beneficiated non-coking coal in new thermal power stations located more than 1000 Kms. away from the coalfields. Accordingly, it has been decided to set up pit-head coal beneficiation plant for power grade coal for supply to distant power stations which are willing to bear the extra cost of beneficiation.

(b) Over 60% of coal resources in the country are of inferior grades.

(c) and (d). Complaints on quality of coal supplied to power and other sectors generally relate to supply of over-size coal, presence of extraneous materials such as shales and stones etc. To overcome these problems, provision during mining of Coal, segregation of stones at the time of loading and setting up beneficiation plants are some of the steps being taken by the coal companies.

[*Translation*]

Entry into Government Service

2517. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD
SHRI P. M. SAYEED:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase the upper age limit for recruitment to the Central Government services;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the time by which this proposal is likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCE AND PENSIONS(SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c). The existing age limits for appointment to various posts have been fixed keeping in view the nature of duties and requirement of educational qualifications etc. At present, there is no proposal to raise the age limits.

Medium and Large Industries in U.P.

2518. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: